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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 April 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/4/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

FIRST OFFICE ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12, each claim contains the phrase "such as" twice (two occurrences). It is noted that the phrase "such as" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Regarding claims 2 and 3, the phrase "the axis" is unclear. Applicant must specify which axis is "the axis". For example:

Claim 2, line 10, change "the axis" to --the α -axis--. Line 16, change "the axis" to --the β -axis--.

Claim 3, line 10, change the phrase "intersecting the axis at 90 deg." to -- intersecting the α -axis at 90 deg.--. Line 14, change "an axis intersecting the axis at 90 deg. is δ -axis;" to --an axis intersecting the γ -axis at 90 deg. is δ -axis;--. Line 21, change "an axis intersecting the axis at 90 deg." to -- an axis intersecting the δ -axis at 90 deg.--.

2. Drawing correction is required.

- In Figs. 1 and 4, the function of each box should be labeled. For example, label Fig. 1, box 1-8 as "current detector"; label box 1-5 as "2-to-3 phase converter";

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label box 1-4 as "3-to-2 phase converter". Fig. 4 label box 1-3-1 as "carrier signal generator"; box 1-3-3 as "timer"; etc. If box is too small, the legend can be placed outside the box.

- Label Fig. 6 as "prior art".

The drawings are informal. **Formal drawing are now required.**

3. The subject matters of claims 1-20 must be kept unchanged. If the subject matters of claims 1-20 are changed, then the specification must be amended to reflect the change in the subject matter of each of claims 1-20 because the specification specifically points out the subject matters of each of claims 1-20. See each paragraph in the specification pages 3-8 for the claimed subject matters.

4. Claims 1-20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: No prior art teaches a motor rotor position estimation based on the extracted high frequency current component of the PWM carrier frequency by using a switching means and a magnetic pole position estimation means, see applicant's Fig. 4.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Bentsu Ro at telephone number 571 272-2072.

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